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1. THE ROLE OF THE USMILGP PANAMA UNDER SECURITY ASSISTANCE
LEGISLATION FOR LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS ITS CON-
SULTATIVE ROLE TO THE PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT FOR A MILITARY MISSION TO PANAMA
WILL TAKE AN INCREASED IMPORTANCE IN THE FORTHCOMING ERA OF
INTENSE ACTIVITY SURROUNDING TREATY IMPLEMENTATION. WITH THE
EMERGENCE OF A BI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIP FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE
CANAL, THE MILGP WILL SERVE AS A UNIQUE VEHICLE FOR FACILITATING
THE INTERACTION, COOPERATION, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF JOINT US/
PANAMANIAN BODIES CONCERNED WITH CANAL DEFENSE.

2. THE MILGP PROVIDES IMPORTANT AND VITAL SUPPORT TO US MISSION
INTERESTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND WILL BE ABSOLUTELY
ESSENTIAL TO THE UNITED STATES' INTEREST DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION
PERIOD AND BEYOND. THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE USMILGP PANAMA BE REDUCED OR
REMOVED FROM LIST OF COUNTRIES STATUTORILY
EXEMPTED FROM ELIMINATION OF MILGPS.

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